GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF WHEAT AND PADDY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have fixed target of procurement of wheat and paddy during 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the target has been achieved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) (b) & (c) :As the procurement operations are voluntary in nature, and the farmers have the choice to sell their produce to State Governments/Food Corporation of India or in the openmarket, as is advantageous to them, no targets are fixed for procurement of wheat and paddy. However, based on the estimated production and availability of wheat and paddy, procurement estimates are given by the State Governments prior to the commencement of each marketing season. The procurement of wheat during the Rabi Marketing Season 2000-2001 has exceeded the previous year`s procurement level. As on 28.2.2001, a quantity of 163.55 lakh tonnes of wheat has been procured as against 141.43 lakh tonnes procured during last year. As regards rice, procurement is going on and till 18.3.2001, a quantity of 152.33 lakh tonnes of rice has been procured as compared to 136.75 lakh tonnes procured in the corresponding period last year.